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A full and true
A C C O U N T
Of a Notorious and
Bold R O B B E R Y,

COMITTED
On Hounslow-Heath on Friday last, 1700.
By Jonathan Lan, and Guy Cook, Two Highway-Men.

Particularly,
How they Robbed *Simon Harcourt*, of the *Middle Temple Esq.* of 35 Guineas, Ten *Lewes-Dors*,
a Silver Watch, and several things of great value, as also how they were taken after a strange
manner, and Committed to *Newgate*, by the Lord Chief Justice *Holt*, on Saturday last.

ON Friday Last, *Simon Harcourt Esq.* having (as I am inform'd) been
at a Country House of his beyond *Hounslow*, and coming over the
Heath in his Coach towards the Evening in order for *London*, his
Coach was stop'd about the middle of the *Heath* by *Jonathan Lan*, & *Guy Cook*
Two bold Fellows well mounted, who drawing their Pistols, one pull'd the
Coach Man off his Box while the other was boldly demanding the 'Squire's Mo-
ny, who seeing his Pistols Cock'd, and finding them both of Violent Resolutions,
delivered them 35 Guineas with a considerable quantity of Silver, and a Watch
and making a further search, after having bound the 'Squire's Man, they found
10 *Lewes-Dors* and other things of great value in the Coach; which they car-
ried off, and Rode directly towards *London* leaving the Esq; and his Man bound
Hand and Foot, who were presently relieved by some Persons who came over
the *Heath*.

Notwithstanding the High-way Men's seeming escape and safety, they were
both Discov'ed and Taken after a strange and unusual manner, viz. a Country
Farmer on Horse Back, during their Robbing the Esq; stood undiscern'd at some
distance, and seeing what they had done, followed them, which they taking
notice of, they Rode up to him, and with cock'd Pistols threatened him with
Death, if he did not disist following them: But the Country Man being a subtil
Blade, Counterfeited himself Drunk, and Acted his Part so natural, by making
strange Faces, Antick Gestures, &c. that they really believ'd him to be no less
than what he pretended, and thereupon calling him Drunken Sot, they left him
and went forward, but he still follow'd them, and with a Drunken kind of a
Tone seem'd to press them to Drink a Pot or Two with him, but thinking he
had been really Drunk, they told him he had got a Pot too much already, and
thereupon took no further notice of him.

Howe'er he continued his Drunken Fancy, and follow'd them till they came to Cue-
Ferry, where they took Water, but no sooner were they in the Ferry Boat, but the
Country Man put off his Barneby's Disguise, and caus'd them to be Seized on the o-
ther Side, whereupon they were convey'd to *London* under a strong Guard that
Evening, and the next Morning Carryed before the Right Honourable Lord Chief
Justice *Holt*, who Examined them concerning the aforesaid Robbery, at which time
'Squire *Harcourt*, and his Man made Oath against them, as did also the comical Coun-
try Man, so that having little to say in their own Defence, his Lordship Committed
them both to *Newgate*, for the said Robbery on Saturday last being the 1st of June
1700, since which they are Charged with another Robbery, that they Committed on
Bagshot Heath, the same Day they Robbed 'Squire *Harcourt*: For Robbing two Gra-
siers, from whom, (tis said) they took a considerable quantity of Gold and Silver.

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A FULL and TRUE
A C C O U N T
Of all the Remarkable
Actions and Things
That have happen'd in the
NORTH-IRELAND:

Since the 15th of November, to the 7th Instant.

And particularly of the Actions at *SLIGO*, the *NEWRY*, and *CHARLEMONT*; also the Position of the Chief-Insurrections of *ULSTER* to the Duke of *MONMOUTH*. His Grace's Answer thereunto. The present State of the Affairs there; and of the Seizing of Commissary *SHALES*.

In a LETTER from London, of December the 7th, 1689.

LICENSED, December 19. 1689. J. F.

HAVING now so far an opportunity of Writing to you, I shall endeavour to entertain you with a full and distinct Account of the most material occurrences here since the Twelfth fifth of the last; and that I may do it the more clearly, I will set down what has pass'd in the order of Time, every thing happened.

Novemb. 25. Captain *Richard Smith*, who was one of the 300 Detach'd from the Camp at *Dundalk*, and went with *Colonel Theodore Russel* towards the relief of *Sligo*, came to this place, and gave the following Account of the Action there: That on the 15th of the former Month, *Colonel Russel* got into *Sligo* late at Night, the rest being much fatigued with the inconvenience of their March, could not reach the place, but were following after, with what haste they could. The same night, about midnight, the Garrison was alarm'd with the approach of the Enemy, being discovered by the our Centinels and Scouts to have possessed themselves of some of the our Passes; whereupon *Coll. Russel*, according to his Instructions, advis'd with *Coll. Lloyd*, who commanded in the place, and it was concluded upon, That the whole Garrison should March out next Morning about five a Clock, and fall upon the Enemy, which they did at a considerable Pass, and forced them to retire; but they being reinforced, play'd briskly on our Men, tho' with very little loss; whilst the rest of the Enemies Horse March'd round a Hill, came behind, and surrounded *Coll. Lloyd* in the Pass, so that he had no way of saving himself and his Men, but by breaking clear through the Enemies; which he performed with that resolution, as to get off with little or no loss; and to facilitate it the more, *Coll. Russel* entertain'd them warmly in another place; being thus got off, they fought in Retreating to the Town; but being overpowered by the great numbers of the Enemies, they could not keep their ground long, which gave an opportunity to the Horse to get over the Bridge; and the Enemy fearing lest they should Rally again, thought fit to pull down an Arch of the Bridge to prevent it. In the mean time our Foot got into the Castle, and the Enemies Foot drew

up in the Market-place, and Ten of their Officers, besides in a large together, to consult what to do next; one of our Men from the Castle, discharged a Piece of Cannon laden with Small-shot, and kill'd eight of the Ten dead on the place. The Enemy then drew up a Piece of Cannon so near the Castle, that when once discharged, they could not for our Malice charge it again; but in the attempt lost six Gunners. The Castle being crasse, and not thought fit to be our Men quitted it and got iaro the Fort, which they held five days, which was so long as they had any Ammunition left: and in the mean time, refus'd so much as to hearken to a Treaty, till at last they had Conditions; That all in the Fort should march out with Bag and Baggage, Drums beating, and Colours flying, &c. And that what they could not carry, should be sent them when sent for; which was accordingly perform'd, and were safely convey'd beyond all danger. One remarkable Stratagem made use of by the Irish for the Scouring the Fort, was, They built a Box of Timber as high as the Wall, with Stairs, through which they might ascend to the top of the Wall without Danger; and having planted it, they within rumbled out a parcel of Shavings, and sent out down in a Basket, who having therewith set fire to the Engine, would not return up again, until he had stripp'd of the Irish that had been kill'd at the foot of it, which having done, and being in his Basket ascending the Wall, the Enemy playing wholly at him, with one of their Butlers cut his Rope, and let the poor Adventurer fall, and while they were renewing the Rope, he tripp'd the second, and with that Booby mounted the Wall safe again. The Enemy were 600 Horse, Foot, and Dragoons; and our Men exceeding not the number of 150 in all, and lost about 26 Men; whereas of the Enemy, there was killed near 300: The Fight began about five in the Morning, and continued till five at Night. *Coll. Saversfield* Commanding the Irish, observ'd very punctually all the Articles agreed upon, and treated the Officers the day they were sign'd. No Men ever behaved themselves better than our handful of Mendid, tho' in the whole Garrison, when the Fight began, there was but one Barrel of Powder, and yet maintained the Fight twelve hours, with full twenty times their own num-